

Sydney L. Cousin, Superintendent 410-313-6674

May 22, 2007

Ms. Jennifer Sager Legislative Coordinator Howard County Executive 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Sager:

The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is engaged in a property transaction that involves the exchange of a site at the northeast quadrant corner of the intersection of Tamar Drive and MD 175. This site is identified in the HCPSS land bank as "Locust Park Elementary," and was transferred to HCPSS from the Rouse Company on March 11, 1974 (Lot 581 of Parcel 289 Tax Map 30, Grid 24, Liber 674 Folio 478).

I understand that Section 4.203 of the Howard County Code requires:

- 1. County Executive agreement
- 2. County Council approval by resolution

HCPSS staff has evaluated the above-referenced site and confirmed that it does not meet the criteria for any projected future need. In exchange for this site, the HCPSS would obtain a site suitable for the construction of a middle school identified in our Capital Improvement Plan. The Board of Education has approved this transaction, and appropriate state approvals are in process concurrent with the above referenced local procedures. State approvals can not be obtained prior to June 29, so it is necessary to request local approval concurrently to ensure adequate time to be placed on the July 2 County Council agenda. Your assistance in obtaining the County Executive's written approval and the introduction of a resolution is greatly appreciated.

Please find attached the request for Council resolution. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sydney L. Cousin Superintendent

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Ray Brown Ken Roey Mark Blom Joel Gallihue Joan Becker



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May 11, 2007

Mrs. Sheila Tolliver, Administrator Howard County Council 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043

Re: Disposal of Property

Dear Ms. Tolliver,

The Board of Education of Howard County approved an agreement of sale and exchange with the St. John the Evangelist Baptist Church. Attached is a copy of the approved minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2007, which records the Board's approval. The transaction requires the exchange of real property for education purposes which is governed by Section 4.203 of the Howard County Code. The site the Board intends to exchange is located at the corner of Tamar Drive and MD 175 and is more particularly described in a deed recorded among Howard County land records at Liber No. 674, Folio 478.

Code requires agreement by the County Executive and a resolution of approval by the County Council for the disposal of real property owned by the Board of Education.

The Board requests that a resolution be scheduled for approval of this transfer. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Diane B. Mikulis

Chairman

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cc: Board Members

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Senate Bill 132 Education - Guidelines Governing Student Discipline

Mr. Plunkett stated that this bill has sponsorship of several members of the Howard County delegation. MABE's position is that each local education agency must determine their own guidelines governing student discipline.

Mr. Aquino said that this is another state imposition of their policy on local boards. Mr. Cohen added that HCPSS has a code of conduct and the state mandate is not necessary.

Action: Mrs. French moved to support staff recommendation to oppose Senate Bill 132 Education – Guidelines Governing Student Discipline. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

School Site Acquisition - Route 40/Marriottsville Road

Presenter: Mr. Joel Gallihue, Manager, School Planning.

Mr. Gallihue explained that St. John Evangelist Baptist Church (SJEBC) owns a 41-acre property located at 2865 Marriottsville Road. Acquisition of this site would improve the school system's inventory with enough land for either an elementary school or a middle school. The site is situated in the area where the need for a middle school is identified in the long-range capital plan.

Discussion:

- Acquisition of the property will be subject to several contingencies.
- This is a situation where both property owners benefit.
- This is a good site for a land bank for either an elementary or middle school or the land may be used for something other than a school.

Action: Ms. Gordon moved approval of School Site Acquisition – Route 40/Marriottsville Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aquino and approved by the Board 6-0. The student member supported the motion.

Approval of Instructional Calendar for 2007-2008

Presenter: Mrs. Patti Caplan.

Mrs. Caplan noted that the Board received a report in November 2006 for the 2007-2008 school calendar. The calendar that is being considered is the same as what was recommended with the exception that the systemwide professional development day originally scheduled for the first Monday in March has been moved to the fourth Thursday in April.